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a 1. A system for distributing digital images to a user, the system comprising:

at least one programmable software agent in communication with the at least one image server, the at least one software agent automatically selecting a subset of the digital images provided by the image server for distribution to the user.

3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one image server is operable to push digital images to the at least one software agent.

4. The system according to claim 1, further including at least one display device for displaying the digital images selected by the at least one software agent.

5. The system according to claim 4, wherein the at least one software agent is associated with the at least one display device.

6. The system according to claim 4, further including a central processor in communication with the at least one display device.

7. The system according to claim 6, wherein the at least one software agent is associated with the central processor.

1 8. The system according to claim 7, wherein the central processor
2 includes a plurality of programmable software agents corresponding to each of the
3 display devices.

1 9. The system according to claim 4, wherein the at least one display
2 device is connected to a home network.

1 10. The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one
2 software agent and the at least one image server are in communication via a
3 broadband network.

1 11. The system according to claim 1, wherein the image capture
2 device is in communication with the at least one image server via a wireless
3 communication link.

1 12. The system according to claim 1, wherein the image capture
2 device is in communication with the at least one image server via a synchronization
3 cradle.

1 13. The system according to claim 1, wherein the digital images
2 include metadata containing information about the digital images.

1 14. The system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one
2 software agent compares programmed criteria with the digital image metadata.

1 15. A method for distributing digital images to a user, the method
2 comprising:
3 transmitting digital images from an image capture device to at least
4 one image server;
5 receiving and storing the digital images at the at least one image
6 server; and

7 automatically selecting a subset of the digital images for distribution
8 to the user using at least one programmable software agent in communication with
9 the at least one image server.

1 16. The method according to claim 15, further including displaying
2 the digital images selected by the at least one software agent.

1 17. The method according to claim 15, further including creating the
2 digital images using the image capture device.

1 18. The method according to claim 15, further including monitoring
2 the at least one image server for digital images using the at least one software agent.

1 19. The method according to claim 15, further including pushing
2 digital images from the at least one image server to the at least one software agent.

1 20. The method according to claim 15, wherein automatically
2 selecting the subset of the digital images includes comparing programmed criteria
3 with metadata provided for the digital images.

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